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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS GRIFFIN TO CHILD FATALITY TASK FORCE

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **Nicki Griffin** of Louisburg to the North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force.

Griffin is the social services director of the Franklin County Department of Social Services. She is secretary of the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services. Griffin is a board member for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and campaign chair for the United Way. She was named Board Member of the Year by the Franklin-Granville Dance Partnership for Children in 2007. Griffin received a Bachelor's degree from Meredith College.

The task force conducts a statistical study of the incidences and causes of child deaths in the state and establishes a profile of child deaths, develops a system for multidisciplinary review of child deaths and studies the operation of existing local teams. It also examines laws, rules and policies relating to the confidentiality of and access to information that affects agencies with responsibilities for children, including state and local health, mental health, social services, education and law enforcement agencies, to determine if those regulations inappropriately impede the exchange of information necessary to protect children from preventable deaths. The task force has 35 members, each serving a two-year term. The governor appoints four members. The Speaker of the House and Senate President Pro Tempore each appoint 10 members. The chief medical examiner, attorney general, director of the Division of Social Services, director of State Bureau of Investigation, director of Division of Women's and Children's Health for the Department of Health and Human Services, director of the Governor's Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, superintendent of Public Instruction, chairman of the State Board of Education, director of Department of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, secretary of Health and Human Services and the director of Administrative Office of the Courts also serve on the board.

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